

Jiya Bhoroli river near Chauki Ghat to reduce detour of NH-52 considerably. The Project Report is required to be reviewed thoroughly as the river changed its course during last monsoon. Therefore, the outlay, allocation and the target date for completion of the Bridge have not yet been finalized.

Special Central Assistance to North Eastern States

3383. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the total allocation of fund as Special Central Assistance under special component plan and Tribal sub-plan scheme to the North Eastern States during the last three years;
- (b) whether these funds have been utilised by these States in proper time;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) if not, the details regarding defaulter?

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However, the amount which could not be spent during a particular year is carried over to the subsequent year. Efforts are generally made by the concerned State governments to utilise the entire amount released within the Plan period. The nodal Ministries i.e., Social Justice and Empowerment and the Tribal Affairs hold Annual Meetings to monitor the implementation of their schemes and the utilisation of the funds released under the Special Central

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Assistance, besides urging State Governments to utilise the allocated amount in time.

STATEMENT

Table-A

Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan—Releases and Utilisations: As reported by the States during 1997-98 to 1999-2000

(Rs. lakhs)

States/UTs	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	Released	Utilised	Released	Utilised	Released	Utilised
1. Assam	142.18	112.20	596.66	362.00	695.31	440.00
2. Manipur	6.58	6.58	10.62	8.43	12.54	7.25
3. Sikkim	4.44	4.44	4.03	6.12	22.37	5.50
4. Tripura	106.28	106.50	108.72	102.99	159.14	164.87

Table-B

Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP)—Releases and Utilisations: As reported by the States during 1997-98 to 1999-2000

(Rs. lakhs)

States/UTs	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	Released	Utilised	Released	Utilised	Released	Utilised
1. Assam	1460.00	938.11	2069.56	2125.00	2443.50	Not received
2. Manipur	950.00	762.10	779.52	943.39	608.65	Not received
3. Sikkim	60.00	121.91	60.00	16.26	86.28	Not received
4. Tripura	885.00	835.00	977.77	791.77	831.57	Not received

India's Poverty and Unemployment

3384. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's poverty and unemployment do exist as they had existed